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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RICHARD NICOLELLO, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, February 9, 2015
2:52 P.M

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A P P E A R A N C E S :

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Chairman

VINCENT MUSCARELLA,
Vice Chairman

ROSE MARIE WALKER

LAURA SCHAEFER

DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON
Ranking

LAURA CURRAN

SIELA A. BYNOE

WILLIAM J. MULLER, III
Clerk of the Legislature

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ERIC NAUGHTON, Nassau County
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MAURICE CHALMERS, Nassau County
Office of Budget Review.....12

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1 Finance Committee/2-9-15

2 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Calling the
3 Finance Committee to order. I would ask Mr.
4 Muller to call the roll, please.

5 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Bynoe?

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

7 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Curran?

8 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

9 CLERK MULLER: Ranking Member
10 DeRiggi-Whitton?

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
12 Here.

13 CLERK MULLER: Laura Schaefer?

14 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

15 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Walker?

16 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

17 CLERK MULLER: Chairman
18 Muscarella?

19 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

20 CLERK MULLER: Chairman

21 Nicolello?

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Here.

23 CLERK MULLER: We have a full
24 quorum.

25 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you.

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2 Calling the first several items, 39, 40, 41,
3 42, 43, 44, and 45 of 2015 which includes
4 resolutions to authorize the county assessor
5 and/or county treasurer and/or the receiver
6 of taxes of the towns of Hempstead, North
7 Hempstead and Oyster Bay to partially exempt
8 and exempt from real property taxation
9 certain real properties situated in various
10 school districts; and also resolutions to
11 authorize the county assessor and/or county
12 treasurer and/or the receiver of taxes of
13 the town of Oyster Bay to correct erroneous
14 assessments.

15 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
18 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Legislator
19 Muscarella. Do we have any discussion?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Is there any public comment?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Hearing none, all those in favor
24 signify by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 Any opposed?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 Those items carry unanimously.

5 Item 47 of 2015 is an ordinance
6 to implement the local government assistance
7 program in Nassau County.

8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
11 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
12 Schaefer. Any discussion on this item? It
13 went before Towns and Villages before.
14 Please incorporate the minutes of that
15 hearing here by reference.

16 (Whereupon, please refer to the
17 minutes of the Towns and Villages Committee
18 dated February 9, 2015 pertaining to Clerk
19 Item 47-15 at pages 3-6.)

20 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Do we have
21 any discussion?

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just
23 that we're going to update it to make sure
24 it complies.

25 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Before the

1 Finance Committee/2-9-15

2 Full Legislature?

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Is there any
6 public comment? Mr. Naughton.

7 MR. NAUGHTON: Eric Naughton,
8 deputy county executive for finance. In
9 reference to your question, the data has
10 been, we're using the 2010 census, so it's
11 the same data since 2011 and it won't be
12 updated until the 2020 census.

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
14 it's every ten years you do it?

15 MR. NAUGHTON: Correct.

16 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you,
19 Mr. Naughton. Any other questions?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Is there any public comment?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 All those in favor signify by
24 saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 Any opposed?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 That item carries unanimously.

5 Items 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54,
6 and 62 of 2015. They are resolutions to
7 authorize the county assessor and/or the
8 county treasurer and/or the receiver of
9 taxes of the Towns of Hempstead and Oyster
10 Bay to partially exempt from real property
11 taxations, certain real properties situated
12 in various school districts. And they
13 include a resolution to authorize the county
14 assessor and/or county treasurer and/or
15 receiver of taxes of the Towns of Hempstead,
16 North Hempstead, and Town of Oyster Bay, and
17 City the Glen Cove to correct erroneous
18 assessments.

19 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
22 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
23 Legislator Walker. Do we have any
24 discussion on these items?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 Is there any public comment?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 All those in favor signify by
5 saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 Those opposed?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 They carry unanimously.

10 Item 64 of 2015 is a bond
11 ordinance making certain determinations
12 pursuant to the State Environmental Quality
13 Review Act and providing for a capital
14 expenditure to finance the payment of
15 certain judgments, compromise or settle
16 claims resulting from court orders on
17 proceedings brought pursuant to Article 7 of
18 the Real Property Tax Law and determinations
19 of the Nassau County Assessment Review
20 Commission and authorizing bonds of the
21 County of Nassau to finance said expenditure
22 in the amount not to exceed \$61,200,000.

23 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

24 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by

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2 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
3 Schaefer. Do we have any discussion on
4 these items?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Is there any public comment?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Hearing none, all those in favor
9 signify by saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 Any opposed?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Those items carry unanimously and
14 that will be on the Full Legislature in two
15 weeks as well as the other items.

16 Item 65 of 2015 is a resolution
17 providing for the issuance of a warrant
18 directing the treasurer of the County of
19 Nassau to pay to the supervisors of the
20 several towns and to the treasurers of the
21 several villages and cities within the
22 County of Nassau the sums as apportioned by
23 the county legislature based on a report
24 filed by the county treasurer and the county
25 clerk showing deposits for mortgage taxes

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2 for the quarter beginning October 1st, 2015,
3 through December 31, 2014.

4 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
7 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
8 Legislator Walker. Do we have any
9 discussion? This is the mortgage taxes.

10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can
11 I just ask one quick question?

12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
13 DeRiggi-Whitton.

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
15 know it's about \$7.8 million. Now, we don't
16 have to bond for that to reimburse this,
17 correct?

18 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Do we have
19 someone to answer that from the
20 administration?

21 MR. CHALMERS: Maurice Chalmers,
22 budget review. Those monies are monies that
23 have been collected and are being
24 distributed. No bonding.

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So

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2 you hold on to the money?

3 MR. CHALMERS: Correct.

4 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Now
5 this number is pretty much in line with what
6 it was last year?

7 MR. CHALMERS: Pretty much in
8 line, 0.2 percent higher.

9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So I
10 guess my question is, we pretty much do this
11 every year with the \$7 million, or do we can
12 adjust that?

13 MR. CHALMERS: We do it on a
14 quarterly basis.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
16 Thank you.

17 MR. CHALMERS: You're welcome.

18 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you,
19 Mr. Chalmers. Any other questions or
20 discussion?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Is there any public comment?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 All those in favor signify by
25 saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 Any opposed?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 The item carries unanimously.

6 Item 69 of 2015, a resolution to
7 authorize the transfer of appropriations
8 heretofore made within the budget for the
9 year 2014.

10 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
13 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Legislator
14 Muscarella. Do we have any discussion?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Is there any public comment?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 All those in favor signify by
19 saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Those opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 The item carries unanimously.

24 Items 70, 71, 72 of 2015 are all
25 ordinances supplemental to the annual

1 Finance Committee/2-9-15
2 appropriation ordinance in connection with
3 the Department of Health and the Department
4 of Social Services.

5 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
8 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
9 Muscarella. I just ask that the minutes of
10 the Health Committee be incorporated by
11 reference.

12 (Whereupon, please refer to the
13 minutes of the Health and Social Services
14 Committee dated February 9, 2015 pertaining
15 to Clerk Items 70, 71, 72 at pages 4-10.)

16 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Do we have
17 any public comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 All those in favor signify by
20 saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 Any opposed?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Those items carry unanimously.

25 The last four items are 75, 76,

1 Finance Committee/2-9-15

2 77, and 78 of 2015. They are all
3 resolutions approving supplemental
4 agreements for federal aid projects
5 administered by the New York State
6 Department of Transportation and authorizing
7 the County of Nassau to participate in the
8 non federal share of the cost of
9 construction and the cost of construction
10 supervision and inspection the project, and
11 authorizing the County Executive to execute
12 an agreement on behalf of Nassau with the
13 New York State Department of Transportation.

14 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
17 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
18 Legislator Schaefer.

19 These items went before the
20 Public Works Committee, I ask that the
21 minutes be incorporated by reference.

22 (Whereupon, please refer to the
23 minutes of the Public Works and Parks
24 Committee dated February 9, 2015 pertaining
25 to Clerk Items 75, 76, 77, 78 at pages

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2 4-10.)

3 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Do we have
4 any questions or discussion on these four
5 items?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Is there any public comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Hearing none, all those in favor
10 signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Any opposed?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Those items carry unanimously.

15 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Motion to
16 adjourn.

17 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
19 Muscarella makes a motion to adjourn,
20 seconded by Legislator Walker.

21 All those in favor signify by
22 saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 Those opposed?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 We have an adjournment and Rules
3 is next.

4 (Whereupon, the Finance Committee
5 adjourned at 3:00 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of New
York, do hereby stated:

THAT I attended at the time and place
above mentioned and took stenographic record
of the proceedings in the above-entitled
matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true
and accurate transcript of the same and the
whole thereof, according to the best of my
ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this 23rd day of February, 2015.

FRANK GRAY